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1. AG ATTACHE MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV OCTOBER 31, AND DISCUSSED SUMMARY U.S. VIEWS ON THE SECRETARIAT-PROPOSED WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS. RUNOV SUPPLIED NAMES OF DELEGATES AND INDICATED DELEGATION PLANS TO DEPART MOSCOW ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3. EMBOFF MADE PARALLEL PRESENTATION TO MFA DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS. WE LEFT COPIES OF PAARLBERG PRESS CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPT AT BOTH OFFICES.

2. RUNOV WELL AWARE OF STRONG U.S. INTEREST IN RESOLUTION VI -- FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEMS -- AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO SUPPLY TIMELY CROP PRODUCTION ESTIMATES. ATTACHE POINTED OUT THAT THE RESOLUTION REQUESTS ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYSTEM AND THAT THE U.S. ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

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3. RUNOV WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN RESOLUTION VII -- WORLD

FOOD SECURITY. HE RAISED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS AND APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR IMMEDIATE DISCUSSIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONAL RESERVES. RUNOV WAS REALLY ASKING WHAT THE U.S. HAD IN MIND FOR AN APPROPRIATE FORUM, OTHER THAN FAO AND WHETHER THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE RELATED TO SPECIFIC QUANTITIES OF STOCKS OR RESERVES AT THIS TIME. RUNOV SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF DELEGATES AND INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND U.S. DELEGATES. SUCH A DECISION, ACCORDING TO RUNOV, COULD ONLY BE MADE BY THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION.

DELEGATES:

1. RODIONOV, N.N., DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(HEAD OF DELEGATION)
2. SOKOLOV, T.I., FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF GOSPLAV.
3. RUNOV, B.A., DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.
4. MORDVINOV V.F., DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GKES.
5. ORLOV N.V., DIRECTOR OF MARKET RESEARCH INSTITUTE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.
6. NESTERENKO, A.E., CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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